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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Davis – Third Anti-Islam Incident in Two Weeks Reported in Sacramento Region

(U) A third incident against Muslims in less than two weeks in the Sacramento region occurred over the weekend in Davis. The latest incident occurred at the Russell Park Apartments, on-campus housing primarily for UC Davis graduate students. UC Davis officials said somebody left a package of pork tenderloins on a front doorstep of an apartment. The residents of the apartment are Muslim and pork is a forbidden food in Islam. The leaving of the pork on the doorstep of the residents has so far been classified by the university as a “hate incident” because there may not have been a crime committed, according to UC Davis.

SOURCE: 7 February 2017, [Sacramento Bee](#)

(U) Redwood – Verity Health Breach Exposes More Than 10,000 Patient Records

(U) Verity Health is notifying more than 10,000 patients that their personal information may have been accessed during a hack of a website operated by the system's physicians group. The breach, described in a news release as “an unauthorized third-party” access, occurred between October 2015 and January 2017 and affected a website for the Verity Medical Foundation-San Jose Medical Group. Personally identifiable information was dated from between 2010 and 2014. It included patients' names, birth dates, street and email addresses, phone numbers and the last four digits of credit card numbers.

SOURCE: 7 February 2017, [Modern Healthcare](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – White House Weighs Designating Iran’s Revolutionary Guard a Terrorist Group

(U) Washington – US President Donald Trump’s administration is considering a proposal that could lead to potentially designating Iran’s powerful Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organization, according to US officials familiar with the matter. The officials said several US government agencies have been consulted about such a proposal, which if implemented would add to measures the United States has already imposed on individuals and entities linked to the IRGC. The IRGC is by far Iran’s most powerful security entity, which also has control over large stakes in Iran’s economy and huge influence in its political system.

SOURCE: 7 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Georgia – Man Suspected of Killing Four Women Found Dead

(U) West Point – A man wanted for killing four women during a week-long crime spree in the Florida panhandle area shot himself dead in a Georgia motel room and his female accomplice was arrested after a standoff with police yesterday. William Boyette, 44, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at the motel in West Point, Georgia. Fellow suspect Mary Rice, 38, was arrested at the motel. Boyette and Rice were suspects in the fatal shooting of two women, one aged 30 and the other 39, at a motel in Milton, Florida on 31 January. Authorities said that the pair then went to Lillian, Alabama where they killed another woman and stole her vehicle 4 February. Boyette and Rice were also wanted for shooting a 28-year-old

woman in her Pensacola, Florida home. Her two-year-old son was in the home, but was unharmed. The woman died yesterday.

SOURCE: 8 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) France – Suspect in Louvre Attack Wanted to Harm Paintings, Avenge Syrian People

(U) Paris – A man arrested by police for attacking soldiers with a machete outside the Louvre museum in Paris last week said he wanted to damage paintings and "avenge" the Syrian people. Abdullah Reda al-Hamahmy confirmed his name, his age of 29 and his Egyptian nationality to investigators after initially refusing to speak. He was carrying spray paints in his backpack and said he wanted to damage the paintings at the world-famous museum. The suspect also spoke of wanting to "avenge the Syrian people", the source said, referring to the civil war in that country in which hundreds of thousands of people have been killed and millions displaced. Hamahmy was shot several times on 4 February after attacking soldiers as he cried "Allahu Akbar" in what French President Francois Hollande described as a terrorist attack.

SOURCE: 7 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Germany – Authorities Arrest Syrian Man Accused of ISIL Membership, Rape

(U) Greifswald – German authorities arrested a Syrian man accused of membership in the Islamic State in Iraq and Levant (ISIL) and of raping a woman as she tried to flee ISIL-controlled territory in Syria. Federal prosecutors said the 31-year-old, identified only as Akram A. in line with German privacy rules, was arrested in the Greifswald area of northeastern Germany. He's accused of membership in a terrorist organization and committing a war crime. Prosecutors say the suspect ran an ISIL checkpoint set up to control people leaving territory held by the group. The charges relate to an incident in early 2016 in which a Syrian woman tried to flee with her children.

SOURCE: 7 February 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Somalia – Gunmen Kill Four Guards in Hotel Attack; ISIL Claims Responsibility

(U) Bosasso – Islamist gunmen stormed a hotel in Somalia's semi-autonomous Puntland region today, killing four guards, a senior official and an ISIL agency said. ISIL claimed responsibility for the attack in Bosasso, according to its news agency Amaq. A group declaring allegiance to ISIL has been active in the Puntland region in recent months. The senior official had earlier blamed Islamists from al-Shabaab, but a spokesman for the Somali group denied this. Three fighters stormed the International Village Hotel were four guards and two of the attackers died in the fighting. The militants had managed to enter the compound but not the main building of the hotel, which is popular with foreigners.

SOURCE: 8 February 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Syria – Erdogan, Trump Agree to Act Jointly Against ISIL in Syria

(U) Raqqa – Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan and US President Donald Trump agreed in a phone call overnight to act jointly against ISIL in the Syrian towns of al-Bab and Raqqa, both controlled by the militants. The two leaders discussed issues including a safe zone in Syria, the refugee crisis and the fight against terror. They also said Erdogan had urged the United States not to support the Syrian Kurdish YPG militia. Trump spoke about the two countries' "shared commitment to combating terrorism in all its forms" and welcomed Turkey's contributions to the fight against ISIL, the White House said in a statement, but it gave no further details.

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